## **DECLARATION OF COOPERATION**

## Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia and the United States Commission for the preservation of America's heritage abroad

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Expressing their conviction that the cultural heritage of the Estonian and American Nations must be preserved, protected and transmitted to future generations,

Acknowledging that it is desirable to promote a mutual knowledge of their cultures and heritages,

Expressing the importance of honoring the memories of victims of repression, war and genocide,

Acknowledging that it is desirable to promote mutual cooperation to preserve cultural heritage,

Hereby declare that it is their intention to cooperate in efforts to achieve an agreement to protect and preserve appropriate sites of historical significance, places of worship, monuments, cemetries, memorials and archives associated with the cultural heritage of each Nation.

Done at Washington this 25th day of June 1998, in duplicate, in the Estonian and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Culture:

For the Commission: